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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace paragraph 91, which examiner indicates was cut off in the middle, with the following amended paragraph:

[0091] The present invention utilizes as x-ray source

5 means 644, preferably, but without limitation, a Kevex model 5039S X-ray source which generates up to 50 keV electrons at 1.0 mA.

The resulting Bremsstrahlung radiation from a tungsten target generates the primary x-ray beam from the source. The input x-ray flux must have sufficient energy and intensity to excite the

10 metal ions captured in the pre-concentration cell 100 to fluoresce in order for detection to take place. Alternatively,

the present invention could also utilize as x-ray source means

644, a sealed x-ray source, obtainable from vendors such as

Isotope Sciences of Canoga Park, California. The advantage of

15 sealed sources is that they do not require power inputs from external sources. Similarly, any other type of x-ray source means

644 known in the art or which may become known in the art, which

meets the functional requirements specified herein, is also

suitable for use within the scope of this disclosure and its

20 associated claims.